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INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652:GDS TAGS: PBOR, UK, BH

SUBJECT:LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN SECRETARY

1. EMBASSY IS INSTRUCTED TO DELIVER THE FOLLOWING LETTER
FROM SECRETARY VANCE TO FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR DAVID:

THANKS FOR YOUR LETTER OF JUNE 28. WE REALIZE THAT THESE
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NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN PROTRACTED, BUT IN OUR VIEW THEY
ARE THE MOST LIKELY MEANS OF ACHIEVING A LASTING SETTLE-
MENT.

WE DO NOT BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR US
TO SOUND OUT AGAIN THE GUATEMALANS ON A TERRITORIAL
ARRANGEMENT. WE HAVE ALREADY SOUNDED THEM OUT FORMALLY

REGARDING THEIR "MINIMUM" POSITION, AND THEY HAVE STATED IT FORMALLY TO US. ALTHOUGH WE BELIEVE THIS STATED POSITION HAS "GIVE" IN IT, WE DO NOT EXPECT THEY WILL MODIFY IT PRIOR TO THE NEGOTIATIONS NEXT WEEK.

IT IS NEVERTHELESS MY BELIEF THAT A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT MUST INEVITABLY INVOLVE SOME TERRITORIAL OFFER TO WHICH

THE GUATEMALANS COULD RESPOND POSITIVELY.

THE AVAILABILITY OF ARBITRATION AS A MEANS FOR RESOLVING THE DISPUTE EMERGED FROM MY DISCUSSIONS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MOLINA OF GUATEMALA DURING OUR REVIEW OF ALTERNATIVES AVAILABLE TO THE PARTIES. I AGREE WITH YOU THAT ARBITRATION OR MEDIATION PRESENTS COMPLEX QUESTIONS, AND I AM THEREFORE GLAD THAT YOU DO NOT RULE THEM OUT AS AN APPROACH TO BE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED SHOULD NEGOTIATIONS FOUNDER.

FINALLY, BECAUSE OF THE SENSITIVITY OF THIS ISSUE, AND ITS DISRUPTIVE POTENTIAL IN THE REGION, I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST THAT TED ROWLANDS MEET WITH PHIL HABIB BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER NEXT WEEK'S NEGOTIATING ROUND. I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO ALL CONCERNED.

SINCERELY,
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END TEXT. VANCE

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